

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 5 and 6 being in independent form. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 1-3 have been allowed. The Examiner has rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eroz et al. (U.S. Patent 6,370,669) and Gibbs et al. (U.S. Patent 6,711,182) in view of Mouldsley (U.S. Patent 6,671,851). The Examiner has rejected Claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eroz et al. in view of Gibbs et al.

Please amend Claims 1, 3 and 5-7 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

The amendments and remarks contained herein are the result of discussions between the Applicants' Representative, Michael J. Musella, and the Examiner during an Examiner Interview conducted on October 24, 2006. It was agreed that the amendments contained herein would place the application in condition for allowance.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 5-7 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 5 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claim 7, is likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of dependent Claim 7 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3 and 5-7, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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